

**CITY OF MESA**  
**HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)**  
**VETERANS TASK FORCE (VTF)**  
February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Action Results

The Veterans Task Force Team of the City of Mesa met on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at 11:00 am  
in the Community Room of the Mesa Fire Department – Station 201, 360 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St

MEMBERS PRESENT

Denise Heap, Co-chair  
David Lucier, Co-chair  
Barbara Allison  
Cheryl Anderson  
Gene Barnes  
Darcy Breault  
Gene Crego  
Corey Harris  
Steve Heppy  
Joseph Panagakis  
Bob Schmidt  
Mark Tompert

STAFF PRESENT

Ruth Giese  
Justin Smothers

1. Call to order.

Ms. Heap called meeting to order at 11:00 am.

2. Approval of minutes from the Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 VTF meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Tompert to approve the December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 minutes, the motion was seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Hear any updates and discuss outlined goals:

a. Preferential hiring for veterans

Discussion only; no formal action taken by committee.

b. Mesa Public Schools connection

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the committee.

c. Central Campus/Center

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the committee.

d. Matrix of resources and contacts

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the committee.

4. Discuss new Mesa Court protocol for diverting defendants with mental health issues, disabilities and veterans.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the committee.

*Supporting data is available for public review in the Diversity & Neighborhood Outreach Office,  
20 E. Main St., Suite 250, Mesa, Arizona 85201 (480) 644-5034*

5. Hear update on request for funding to purchase a van to transport veterans.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the committee.

6. Discuss meeting quarterly and scheduling next meeting date.

- Proposed meeting date: Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 11:00am.

7. Scheduling future agenda items and discuss process to submit background materials prior to meeting.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the committee.

8. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Submitted By:



Ruth Giese,  
Diversity Program Administrator